

CUBA: A Cultural Odyssey

March 9-15, 2025



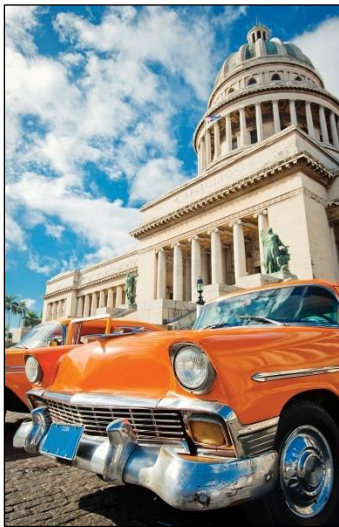
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Experience the traditions of Cuban culture on a “people-to-people” educational journey to Cuba. Connect with Cuban artists, dancers, musicians, students, baseball players, & more. Explore Hemingway's life in Cuba at his preserved home. Visit agricultural workers to talk about agrarian reform, tobacco production, & organic farming. Don't miss this chance to learn about & connect with Cubans on this unique Arts Council & Tauck ARTour.



DAY 1: START IN MIAMI: Fly from RDU to Miami where our tour begins at the **Hyatt Regency in Coral Gables**. Enjoy a welcome reception & dinner to meet our Tauck Director. (Meals: D)

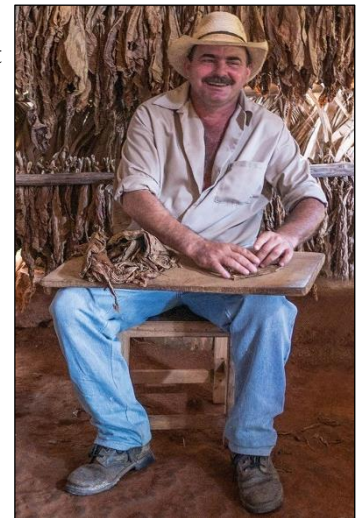


DAY 2: HOLA HAVANA: Upon arrival in Havana, meet our Cuban guide for an introductory lunch with authentic Cuban cuisine at a paladar. Afterwards, enjoy art by **Kadir López** that illuminates the city streets highlighting the livelihood of its patrons from the Republican years. Meet teacher & students at **La Casa del Niño y Niña**, an after-school program that helps students develop language skills & cultural awareness. Accommodation for five nights at the **Grand Aston La Habana**. (Meals: B/L/D)

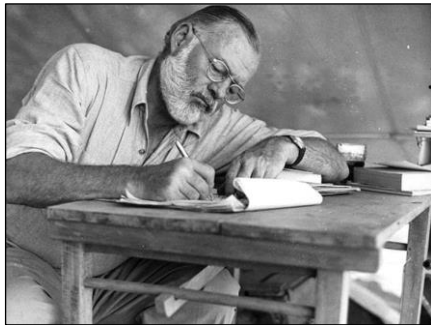
DAY 3: HISTORIC HAVANA, BASEBALL & CARS: Chat with a local scholar on Cuban Revolution history, before stepping into the pedestrian-only UNESCO Heritage Site of **Old Havana**. After seeing the city's architecture & restoration efforts, enjoy lunch with a former baseball legend. Baseball was introduced to the country by Cuban students returning home for U.S. colleges back in the 1860s. Drive to a vintage American car club known from the tv series, **Cuba Chrome**, to meet club members & learn about challenges faced as part of Cuba's emerging entrepreneur sector. Learn about dance at a private dance company, before enjoying dinner & live music at a local restaurant with the **Havana Queens**. (Meals: B/L/D)

DAY 4: VIÑALES VALLEY: Today we explore the **Viñales Valley** to learn how this landscape is optimal for growing tobacco & sustaining crops & livestock. Lunch at an organic farm where we chat with the farmers & hear about their entrepreneurial endeavors. Visit the **Benito Camejo Tobacco Farm** where Mr. Benito shares stories about this craft & the stripping & grading of tobacco. Dinner is on your own this evening at the hotel. (Meals: B/L)

DAY 5: AFRO-CUBAN CULTURAL HERITAGE: Connect with Afro-Cuban heritage with a visit to **Project Beyond Roots**, an organization whose mission is to inspire, empower, & create a positive change in the lives of Cuban people. Then explore local goods & connect with artisans in the 19th century storage houses that are now the **Almacenes San José Artisans Market**. Visit **Vivian Humos**, a private project focused on making purses out of recycled cigar wood boxes, along with guayabera shirts designed by Vivian Acosta. Experience a cigar-rolling tutorial while listening to great music and Vivian's personal story in the world of high-end Habanos. (Meals: B/L/D)



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DAY 6: HEMINGWAY & CENTRO HABANA: Called “Ernesto” by the locals, Ernest Hemingway was an American novelist well known for his short Stories. He was also a prolific fisherman who monitored the Cuban coastline when he wasn’t at his desk writing For Whom the Bell Tolls & The Old Man and The Sea. He loved Cuba and spent much of his life there. Today we’ll visit his home of 21 years. Then, visit a musical program to learn how they teach youth to develop vocal & instrumental skills with traditional music. Enjoy one last evening in Havana at a local Paladar. (Meals: B/L/D)



DAY 7: ADIÓS CUBA: Our tour ends today in Miami after an early transfer to the José Martí International Airport for our included flight to Miami. Our return flight to RDU will be scheduled at approximately 3 p.m. (Meals: B)

COST: **ACMC Member: Double = \$6,490 | Single = \$7,514**
(per person) (Nonmembers add 15%)

Airfare from RDU to Miami not included; Will be announced when available.
Register with \$1,000 deposit by Jul. 31, 2024. Final payment due Dec. 2, 2024.

Guest Protection Insurance: \$499 per person. (Must be purchased at registration to be in effect.)

Cost Includes: On tour air (2 flights), all hotel accommodations, escorted travel as described with a Tauck Director & local Cuban guides (fluent in English), ground transfers, 16 meals (6B/5L/5D) including authentic Cuban cuisine, Airport transfers, all gratuities to Tauck Director, local guides & drivers, hotel & restaurant staff, all taxes & admission fees, portage & departure tax.

Not Included: Airfare from RDU to Miami, meals not listed, Alcoholic beverages not listed, & incidental expenses.



SPOLETO FESTIVAL | May 30-June 2, 2024 | *Space is available!*

Don’t miss one of our most popular ARTours...**Spoleto Festival USA** in Charleston, SC. Highlights include a concert by cellist **Yo-Yo Ma**, **Chamber Music Series** at Dock Street Theater, **Spoleto Festival Orchestra** performing Mahler’s 5th Symphony, and lots of time to take in a **Piccolo Spoleto** event & explore historic Charleston.

COSTS (per person): Double = \$1,885 | Single = \$2,385 (Nonmembers add 15%), & include transportation, 3 nights at **The Meeting Street Inn** with wine reception each evening & 3 breakfasts, concert tickets listed above, & 1 dinner. **Call the Arts Council now for details!**

NOTE FOR ALL ARTOURS: You should be in good physical condition to fully enjoy ARTours. The Arts Council cannot provide individual assistance during the tours & therefore reserves the right to decline anyone on a tour who has a physical condition that could create a hazard to him/herself or could impact the enjoyment of other tour travelers.

CANCELLATION POLICY: 35% of the total cost will be withheld for cancellation after registration date on **ALL** ARTours. **NO** refunds after advertised final payment due date unless substitute traveler is found—at which time transfer fees, if applicable, will be withheld. Trip cancellation insurance is available but must be purchased at registration.

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